



Policy paper

National professional qualifications (NPQs) reforms

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National professional qualifications (NPQs) are a national, voluntary suite of qualifications designed to support the professional development of all teachers and leaders. More information about existing NPQs is available at [Professional development for school leaders](#).

Reformed national professional qualifications

The reformed suite of NPQs will help all teachers and leaders to continuously develop their knowledge and skills throughout their careers. From September 2021, reformed NPQs will be available. These reforms will include introducing:

- a qualification focused on the leadership of teaching (for teachers whose role may include responsibility for improving teaching practice in a subject or phase)
- a qualification focused on behaviour and culture (for teachers whose role may include responsibility for behaviour management and pupil wellbeing)
- a qualification focused on teacher development (for teachers whose role may include responsibility for supporting the training and development of others, including early career teachers)
- reformed leadership NPQs to ensure aspiring and serving school leaders have the specific knowledge and skills they need to carry out their roles

Prior information notice (PIN)

Suppliers can [register their interest](#) in attending market engagement events relating to the review of existing NPQs.

Events will take place on 14 July 2020, 15 July 2020 and 16 July 2020.

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